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Georgia.

Douglasville
Friday, Dec

Colored Community Fair A Success

A community fair was sponsored by the Farmers Club of Winston community on Thanksgiving day. In January the club was organized. The club selected chairmen to boost and supervise the following projects:

Cows, Arthur Williams; Chickens, Paul Insley; Hogs, S. A. Polk; Garden, Milton Baker; Potatoes, Perry Ross; Peanuts, Samuel Heart; White Potatoes, Marion Hawkins; Womens Department, Mrs. Tessie Insley; Interior Decorating, Mrs. Lillian D. Edwards.

The exhibit was a credit to the individuals and community, showing a variety of farm products, canning of fruits and vegetables, beautiful display of fancy work, a traveling wardrobe was made from native material. An attractive bust form was carved from a piece of stove wood. All showing what our people can and will do under proper leadership.

We wish to thank our white and colored friends for the interest and support contributed to make the fair a success.

Mr. W. J. Dozier of the Civic Club of Douglasville, gave a suggestive and helpful lecture. Professor Bullock, teacher of Rural Sociology of Spelman College, was the speaker on arrangements of exhibits. Miss Frankie Adams of the Atlanta School of Social work spoke on County Organization Even the weather was unfavorable but this did not prohibit Douglasville School from participating to the entertaining of the fair and visitors Miss Florence Reed President of Spelman College, Miss Mable Carnie, Columbia Univrsity, N. Y. City, Mrs Jno. Hope wife of President of Atlanta University, Mrs. H. A. Whitting Principle Oglethorpe Practice School Other visitors, Mr. Baggett of Douglasville, Mr. Enterkin, Mr. Horace Darnell of Winston.

We are indebt to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for their efforts to make the whole affair a success.

Colored Citizens Grateful To Fair

Negro farmers and teachers in the county are deeply grateful to the Brooks County Free Fair managers for the opportunity to exhibit in the fair and to show in some measure what the colored farmers of the county are doing. In giving this opportunity the negroes feel that the Fair recognized the value of the negro farmers are to the county and that an effort was made to encourage them in their work.

Negro farmers have undoubtedly made much progress in improved farm methods, livestock and other matters. They were especially gratified that the exhibits they placed in the fair were given an opportunity to win prizes strictly on merit. These farmers say they want Quitman business men who contributed money for the premiums to know that it is deeply appreciated by the colored people.

while one yielded upward look would have unveiled the great Giver as the altogether lovely one "just waiting to be gracious, waiting fill our lives with joy and peace and victory. That vision of Christ will cause us to yield even our possessions to Him just as a child drops its toys and runs to its mother. That vision of Christ will cause us to cease withholding what He has committed to us and give as He leads to carry His gospel to the ends of the earth. That vision of Christ will cause us to say not how much shall I give but how little shall I keep for my self.

Did you say that idea of stewardship is visionary and not practical; my answer is "Try it and see and you will not return to your old life of selfseeking for all the word can give.

Sometime we want to talk about the tithe as the Stewards minimum gift.

Signed. MRS. JOHN BARRS.

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Montezuma, Ga., Georgian
Thursday, April 7, 1932

NEGRO FARMERS WILL HOLD FAIR

Nine Communities in Monroe County Promise To Make Display Next Fall.

Nine communities of Negro farmers in Monroe county will hold fairs next fall and winter to demonstrate the products they have raised on a live-at-home program, according to an agreement reached Friday at a meeting of farmers, teachers and students at the State Teachers and Agricultural school in Forsyth.

These communities are carrying on their agricultural work under the direction of S. H. Lee, Negro agent, who called the meeting to discuss the live-at-home program. It was the second meeting of this group which calls itself the Live-At-Home club.

I. O. Creeger, Washington, regional director of the seed loan office in charge of the territory from Maine to Florida, and H. Deal, assistant state inspector, with headquarters in Macon, told the farmers how they would supervise the planting under the loans and would insist upon food and feed crops and cash crops in the program.

Rev. J. H. Gadson, Macon, president of Central City college, and Prof. Vinson Harris, Brunswick, executive secretary of the Negro State Teachers' association, spoke. T. O. Thurman, Forsyth, superintendent of county schools, also was on the program.

The communities that pledged to hold community fairs in the fall are Cabaniss, Coleman, Dames Ferry Hopewell, Jones, Leodicea, Mt. Galliead, Rum Creek, and Tessie Hall Coleman took the first prize at the conference for the best all-around exhibit, including class room and community work; Wright's Grove took second prize; Rutherford's Chapel, third, and Hopewell, fourth. Many individual awards were also given.

President W. M. Hubbard, of the Negro school, welcomed the farmers.

The group visited a soil building demonstration of winter peas and vetch on the school farm and on Nick Weaver's place.

Montezuma, Ga., Progress
Thursday, October 6, 1932

FINE EXHIBITS AT THE COLORED FAIR

Handicraft Work Elicits Praise

ALL KINDS OF AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY TWO DAYS LAST WEEK WERE MOST CREDIBLE.

The fair which was arranged by the colored people of Washington county at the Washington County Fair Grounds last Friday and Saturday was most creditable ,and gave those in attendance some idea of the sourcefulness of the Negroes under intelligent training of the teachers of their race.

There was a fine display of agricultural products, embracing corn of several varieties, field peas of various kinds, sweet potatoes, peanuts, pumpkins and cashaws, sugar cane, sorghum cane, cotton, collards and other products, all neatly arranged and displayed.

There were hundreds of glass jars of canned fruits and vegetables, pickles and preserves, all most tempting in appearance, the exhibition of which showed the skill of those who placed them on display in the preparation of these articles.

There were a number of rugs made of crocus sacks which are generally thrown away, exhibiting the skill of those who had utilized what is generally regarded as waste material, dyed in attractive colors, the work being nicely accomplished Women's hats were also made of shucks and other materials which were most creditable.

Friday afternoon there was a hog killing demonstration in which the best method of slaughtering hogs was demonstrated, and afterwards the meat was cut up and demonstration made of the best method of canning various parts for winter use.

The fair was a most interesting one and all who had part in making it a success are to be commended for their efforts in thus providing an object lesson which is an encouragement for providing useful articles at home by their own industry and thrift.

Sandersville, Ga., Progress
Thursday, September 22, 1932

NEGRO COUNTY FAIR TO BE HELD

Friday and Saturday Sept. 30th, Oct 1st

TO BE STAGED AT WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, AND AMUSEMENTS FURNISHED BY HOME TALENT.

There will be a Nnegro county fair held Friday and Saturday, September 30th and October 1st, at the Washington county Fair grounds in Sandersville.

This will be the largest local event ever attempted by Negroes of Washington county. They will have an opportunity to exhibit anything grown in the fields of Washington county or anything made at their homes.

All amusements will be furnished by home talent. One of the biggest features of this occasion will be a community singing contest. We believe that folks ought to sing more. Nothing establishes more good will and brings out the finer spirits of people than good singing. The Plantation melodies will be the order of this occasion. These old songs are purely American in origin. Some of us feel ashamed of them. But they are the finest tributes that the Negro people could lend this great nation. Negroes have been the only people on earth that could sing their songs on foreign soil. These songs are the expressions of th slave in tunes and words during their laborious toil.

Communities throw away your clubs of hard knocks and pick up your boosting horns and come out and boost your community and this great county on this grand occasion. There will be all kinds of stunts pulled off. The farmers are now preparing for their dress parade. The first of its kind ever held in this section of Georgia.

There will be an old fashion corn shucking, racing, jumping, wheel barrow races, three legged races, baseball throwing, nail driving contest, hog calling contest, tug of war, baseball game between the sons and dads and moving pictures.

This fair is sponsored by the Negro county agents in cooperation with the merchants and business men of Sandersville. This is one thing that will be as big as the people will make it. We are hoping that you will appreciate it and prove it by doing your bit. You and your community are needed on this occasion, don't miss it. We feel that something ought to be done to arouse good feelings among the hard hit farmers in order to keep happiness and contentment among the country life dwellers. Everybody knows that prosperity and happiness on the farms of Washington county means prosperity among the merchants, banks and city dwellers.

THOS. W. BROWN,
Negro County Agent

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Colored Fair Now Underway

Premium List For Nov. 3 and 4 Event Is Being Arranged

Plans are now quite well underway for the negro achievement day or fair to be held here November 3 and 4. George Brown, colored farm agent for Baldwin county, has been busily engaged during the last few days obtaining reports for exhibits and arranging a premium list.

Those behind the project are in hopes of arranging the best exhibit ever held here by the colored farmers of Baldwin county. One of the main objects of the achievement exhibition is to demonstrate the possibilities of the farm and to prove the importance of producing food and feed stuff as an independence measure.

The list of premiums to be offered the winners in the achievement contest, so far provided, is given below:

Best community exhibit, 1, 2, 3, 4 prizes yet to be secured.

Best exhibit of canned vegetables not less than six quarts: first prize, one yearly subscription to The Milledgeville Times; second prize, $1.00 worth garden seed, Hayes Pharmacy; third prize, 50 cents cash, Mr. G. Harper.

Best exhibit of canned fruit: first prize, a set of cups and saucers, Mr. R. H. Wootten; second prize a set of plates, Mr. R. H Wootten.

Best exhibit of sewing consisting of schol children's wearing apparel: first prize, material for 4-H uniform, Stembridge & Co.

Best exhibit of home grown dairy feed: first and second prizes to be secured.

Best yield and record on two acres of corn: first prize, farm implement, $5.00 value, Mr. R. W. Hatcher.

4-H Corn Club

Best yield and exhibit of ten ears of corn: first prize $2.00 worth dry goods, Mr. J. H. Hollaways; second prize, one pair work shoes, Mr. Parks, Steinbach's store; third prize, shirt, Mr. E. E. Bell.

Pig Club

Best registered gilt: first prize, $1.00, Mr. L. N. Jordan;; second prize, 50 cents, Mr. L. N. Jordan.

Best registered boar: first prize, $1.00, Mr. L. N. Jordan; second prize, 50 cents Mr. O. B. Leverett.

Poultry

Best pen of barred rocks: first prize, $1.00 worth poultry feed, John Conn & Co.

Best dozen eggs: first prize $1.00 worth merchandise, Dr. Wm. Fraley.

Best pound of butter: first prize 2 1-2 pounds butter paper, Mr. R. H. Wootten.

Best school exhibit: first prize, 50 pencil tablets, Mr. C. N. Chandler.

There are a number of friends who have promised to give merchandise prizes that will mean muchh to those who struggle to keep going profitably on our farms.

Sparta, Ga., Ishmaelite
Thursday, October 13, 1932

NEGRO FARMERS TO HAVE AN AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Undaunted by the present depression the negro farmers of the Springfield community expect to hold their annual agricultural Fair. This has been their custom for a number of years and will

be continued according to leaders in the community. Thousands of acres of fertile land is owned by negro farmers in this, the northern section of the county, and they make good crops each year. It has been their custom to bring exhibits to the negro department of the local Fair, but this year they will have their entire showing at the Springfield Agricultural and Industrial School. Indications point to a successful community exposition.

Sparta, Ga., Tribune
Thursday, October 27, 1932

SPRINGFIELD NEGROES TO HAVE FAIR NEXT MONTH

The negroes of the Springfield community in the northern part of this county are planning a big agricultural Fair on their school campus next month. This community of negro farmers have been displaying their products in a special negro exhibit building at the Hancock County Fair grounds, but since this fair will not be held this year they will make a display at home. All varieties of farm products, cured meat, and articles made in the shop at this Rosenwald School will be displayed at the exposition. These farmers are undaunted by hard times and short crops and will make a creditable showing according to leading white farmers of that section who have seen their handiwork. They are being commended highly for their thrift and determination to progress and not go backward in their community development

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North Carolina.

Many Capture Prizes At First County Fair In Currituck, N. C.

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SNOWDEN, N. C.—The first county-wide fair was held at the Currituck County Training School, November 11., under the direction of the vocational agriculture department.

Alexander Blaine, teacher of vocational agriculture at Edenton High School, the principal speaker, pointed out the Danish farmers as examples of men with vision because the Danish farmers have marketed their produce for many years through farmer-owned and farmer-operated cooperative associations. The speaker urged the farmers of Currituck County to market their produce through the Mutual Exchange operated here for the benefit of the farmers.

S. B. Simmons, state supervisor of vocational agriculture with headquarters at the A. and T. College, Greensboro and Mrs. Marshburn, Jeanes supervisor, also spoke.

Many Capture Prizes

Prize winners were: J. C. Archer, Willie Jones, N. S. Seymore, Mrs. Ella Wilson, Paul Seymore, Nathaniel McCray, Sylvester Mackey, Royce Chatman, John Mitchell, Nathaniel Simmons, Charlie Styles, W. H. Case, C. H. Cuffie, Joseph A. Simmons, Miss Girldean Case, E. L. Jones, Mrs. Lillie Gregory.

Daniel Wilson, John Sivels, Charlie Peele, John Ferebee, George Poyner, C. W. Bright, D. W. Whittaker, Mrs. Clara Seymore, Mrs. Mary Simmons, Mrs. Mary Whittaker, Miss Inez Ethridge, Mrs. Fannie Sivels, Mrs. Ethel Turner, Mrs. Otilia Mullens, Mrs. Aquilla Sivels, Mrs. Edna Wilson, Mrs. Aurora Patterson, Mrs. Roxie Warden, Mrs. Sadie Fulford, Miss Violet Gordon, Miss Pemmie Gregory, Miss Mamie Mitchell, Mrs. R. A. Barnnard.

Also Mr. Rapheal Simons, Miss Cleo Gallop, Miss Merle Spellman, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Mrs. Mary Seymore, Miss Buena Wilson, Mrs. Kate Seymore, Mrs. Naomi Simmons, C. R. Styles, Gorham Etheridge, Mrs. Josephine Simmons, Mrs. Mary Simmons, Mrs. Johnny Ward, Mrs. Addie Taylor, Mrs. Queenie Bray, Mrs. Alesha Ward, Mrs. Sophie Seymore, Mrs. Bertha Ward, Mrs. Mary Dunston, Mrs. Jessie Barrington, and Mrs. Nora Askew.

Other Prize Winners

Currituck Home Maker's Club, Moyock Home Makers' Club, Gregory School and Home Makers' Club, Coinjock School and Home Makers' Club, Moyock School and Jarvisburg School also won prizes.

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Tennessee.

PLAN FOR NEGROES' FAIR

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Memphis Press-Scimitar
Friday, September 30, 1932

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CLEAN UP THE FAIRS

East Tennessee

Words of praise for the promoters of the East Tennessee Division Fair are contained in an editorial appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel, in view of the excellent showing made this year. Reference is made to the attractive, interesting and informative exhibits, the fine livestock and other educational features of the exhibition staged at Sterchi Park. Our afternoon contemporary very properly adds, however:

10-13-32

But at the Midway our praise must stop.

News-Sentinel representatives visited practically all of the Rubin and Cherry shows and obtained convincing evidence that the time has come for the East Tennessee Division Fair to eliminate the vulgarity, the filth, the fakes and the "gyp" rackets.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Other carnival shows that have operated here have been little or no better.

The purpose of the fair is to provide wholesome entertainment and authentic information—to promote the agricultural, commercial and cultural growth of the Knoxville territory—to make friends for our city.

Anything that tends to defeat those ends should be eliminated.

Upon what grounds can we justify the vulgarity of a "kooch" show? Even blase New York is driving them out.

What defense can we offer for permitting an "elephant boy" to capitalize and foster superstition?

How can we look our neighbors in the face when we invite them to the fair and see them snared into a nauseating show where a "half woman and half man" stands before them and says: "Now I have exposed as much of my body as the laws of your city will permit. But if you want to see more, buy one of my pamphlets here in the sealed envelope."

What excuse can we give for permitting visitors to be defrauded and "gypped" by such fakes as were seen in the "freak shows?"

What excuse is there for boresome sales talks by a man who tries to sell cheap candy thru trickery to an audience that goes into a tent to see a Negro minstrel show?

If the answer to these questions is that these things give "color," then we may well ask ourselves: What price "atmosphere?"

Why can't we replace these annual amusement debauches with clean, wholesome shows? Tent vaudeville, for instance. Some good clown stuff for the children. And why not an outdoor opera by a local company?

The fairgrounds amusement part has riding devices and "giggle houses," so the elimination of the Midway shows would not mean the loss of this kind of innocent fun. It would only give the business to the local concessionaires.

We've got a good fair. All it needs is just a little stain remover—and a little polish.

This timely criticism directed at the operation of the fairs conducted by white people should be given due thought by the promoters of the fallacious attempts on the part of the few irresponsibles who have had charge of a post-season scheme at the park under the guise of conducting a fair during the past few years. The fact about the matter is what these promoters have boldly advertised as a fair has been nothing more nor less than a hang-over for several days of the same midway referred to in the News-Sentinel's editorial, with the added staging of a dance in one of the fair buildings where an orchestra blasts forth the latest versions of the "Blues" from early evening until late at night as the hundreds of young men and women crowd the floor after the payment of a dollar per couple.

Such conduct of affairs has brought forth condemnation of thoughtful observers of both races and in the past two or three years, especially this year, when about the only attendants at the staged farces were members of the self-appointed committee.

A well conducted fair would prove of tremendous value

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Negroes Here To Give Fall Exhibition

The Texas Negro Industrial and Agricultural Fair Association was organized last week in Houston. Plans were made to hold an exposition at Emancipation Park this fall. The full plans will be announced in this paper later. One of the best carnival shows of the country has been secured. Several of the leading industrial firms have made arrangements to have large displays at the fair. Several colored ladies have been secured to act as demonstrators for the firms who will have booths at the fair. A Rodeo is planned in connection with the fair. Live stock exhibits will be on hand.

The officers and directors of the Fair Association are: Dr. C. W. Pemberton, president; R. L. Isaacs, first vice president and auditor; H. P. Carter, second vice president and director of publicity; W. J. Smith, third vice president and director of programs; Ed E. Jones, fourth vice president and director of traffic; King Hughes, secretary; G. D. Crawford, treasurer; L. G. Luper, general manager; Frank L. Lane, assistant manager; W. H. Evans, executive secretary.

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A Negro Fair.

Announcement is made that the negroes of Red River county, of which Clarksville is the county seat will hold their eleventh annual fair from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, inclusive.

The catalog and premium list has been published and mailed, and it is said to carry a varied and liberal list of prizes.

When it is considered that this is to be the only fair to be held in Red River county this year, the negro farmers of that county are to be congratulated Red River county has made good crops this year and many negro farmers are said to be in good condition. Many of them have followed the instructions of the farm demonstration agent and are interested in better field seed and thoroughbred livestock and poultry. The southern negro is a natural farmer and does better on the land than anywhere else, and once interested in producing better cattle hogs and field crops, has always accomplished good results.

The fact that the negroes of Red River county have decided to hold their fair, regardless of the depression, and offer prizes, is significant that at least they are holding their own, and no doubt doing even better.

Walker County Fair Heavily Visited At Huntsville By Race

Huntsville.—(Sp)—One of the most successful fairs ever held in Walker County has just closed. Under the direction of K. H. Malone, county aricultural agent, and under the auspices of the Huntsville Negro Chamber of Commerce, sixteen communities and five individual exhibits were represented at the fair this year in contrast to one community exhibit last year.

As a result of the accomplishment at the fair, the citizens of the county are showering Mr. Malone with much praise and expressions of appreciation for the interest he has manifesttd in the agricultural advancement of Negro farmers in this territory.

October 7 was observed as Negro Day at the fair and the stellar attraction of the observation was a football game between Huntsville high school and Crockett high school. An address was delivered during the day by C. H. Waller, state leader of extension work, who advised the people to live within their income. Mr. Waller praised the fair as the second largest exhibition he has visited this season. He paid a tribute to the labor and efforts of Mr. Malone.

One of the most creditable displays at the fair was an exhibit by the Huntsville High School of which Prof. S. W. Houston is the principal. Several schools were also represented.

The Huntsville colored band played music while over 500 people thronged the grounds throughout Negro Day.